

ABSTRACT AMENDMENT

The disclosure concerns hitting Hitting practice training equipment ~~is disclosed having~~
[an] a hitting instrument such as a bat paddle or racket, an apparatus for propelling a game piece
such as a ball or puck in front of an individual holding the hitting instrument, and a transmitter
remote from the hitting instrument for initiating the propelling apparatus to propel a game piece
in front of the individual. The propelling apparatus includes a receiver for receiving signals
transmitted by the transmitter to initiate a game piece being propelled in front of the individual.
The individual actuates the transmitter when they wish to initiate the operation of the game piece
propelling apparatus, and may send different signals from the transmitter to propel a game piece
in a different manner for each of the different signals. The individual may also activate the
transmitter using voice commands. ~~When the receiver in the propelling apparatus receives a
signal from the transmitter an adjustable timer is started and a few seconds later a mechanism is
actuated that forwards a game piece from a replaceable magazine containing a plurality of game
pieces into a propulsion mechanism to propel the piece toward the individual. The propulsion
mechanism contains a pair of rollers for contacting opposite sides of a game piece. The rollers
are actuated by motors connected in a circuit with a transportable energy source (e.g. battery)
and the motors are energized only after the timer is started, thereby prolonging battery life, and
are de-energized after a game piece is propelled in front of the individual. Other idler rollers are
allowed to selectively contact the game piece to control same as it is propelled. When the game
piece is propelled by the rollers of the propulsion mechanism the individual attempts to hit the
piece.~~